

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 910

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Joe Pitts for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe Pitts of Clarksville is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pitts is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Montgomery County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Joe Pitts has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 67th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Joe Pitts has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Pitts has rendered sterling service as vice chair of the House Utilities, Banking, and Small Business Subcommittee and as a member of the House Education Instruction and Programs Committee, the House Insurance and Banking

Committee, the House Education Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Ethics Committee, the House State and Local Government Committee, the House General Subcommittee of Commerce, the House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee, the House Education Subcommittee, the House Higher Education Subcommittee, the House Ethics Subcommittee, the House State Government Subcommittee, the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, and the Joint Workers' Compensation Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Pitts has received the Eddie Page Spirit Award, The Arc Legislative Award, the CMC Education Foundation Exemplary Friend of Public Education Award, the Jackie W. Goad Hall of Fame Award, the Jerry G. Jerkins Community Service Award, the Tennessee Primary Care Association's William V. Corr Award, and the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents' Legislative Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, an honorary inductee of the Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Representative Joe Pitts was named the 2016 Advocate of the Year by the Professional Educators of Tennessee, the 2016 Legislator of the Year by MADD, the 2014 Friend of Education by the Tennessee Education Association, and the 2009 Public Official of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers Tennessee Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pitts is a family man, businessman, and community leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman in the banking industry, Representative Pitts obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1980 and is a member of the board of directors of the Austin Peay State University Foundation. He has also served as chair of the Board of Trustees of Memorial General Hospital District and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown District Partnership; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies to a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including Two Rivers Company, the Clarksville Branch of the NAACP, the Tennessee Bankers Association, the Clarksville Area Chamber of

Commerce, the Austin Peay State University School of Nursing Advisory Board, and the Austin Peay State University College of Education STEM Center Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Joe Pitts has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Joe Pitts is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cynthia, their five children, and their ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe Pitts is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Joe Pitts for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 67th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.